

SKELTON SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn Term! Time is moving so quickly!

Thank you all so much for supporting our Harvest Coffee Morning at the end of last half-term. Whether you baked, donated to the foodbank, attended and chatted, bought cakes or helped your children to learn their words, you all helped to make it a huge success and we are all very grateful. The children loved being able to perform for you and once again it filled me with pride seeing their efforts and enthusiasm for performing - well done everyone. A special thank you must go to Mrs Holme and Miss Lockley for organising and serving the refreshments and to our wonderful hosts, Year 6 and the KS2 School Councillors, who did a fantastic job of seating, serving and making so many people welcome. The children also did a fantastic job of not allowing anyone to leave without making a further donation for more cakes and jams on the way out! Definitely destined for entrepreneurs of the future on Dragon's Den! We raised £252.90 in total which the Councillors have decided will be shared between charity and also to purchase some more resources to help the Year 6 children to run their lunchtime clubs. A large donation of items has already been gratefully received at the foodbank with further donations left at school still to go when we can visit with the Councillors.

Mrs Newton. x

CHILDREN IN NEED

On Friday 14th November, children are invited to come to school wearing their pyjamas or a onesie for a small cash donation to Children in Need. This should be placed in the donation boxes in each classroom. They may also bring their slippers and a dressing gown for the classroom but must also bring a warm coat and outdoor shoes for playtime.



POSITIVE PARKING

Thank you all so, so much for your support and understanding in ensuring that you are parking safely and responsibly. The start and end of the day now feel much calmer with junctions kept clear and better visibility and consideration for our children crossing.



SKELTON SCHOOL EQUESTRIAN TEAM

We are so excited to share with you that we now have a school riding squad, affiliated to the National Schools Equestrian Association.

What a fabulous first competition Caitlin and Juliette had on Saturday 27th September at Greenlands Equestrian Centre representing Skelton School! Caitlin won her 40cm assisted class on her new pony Lily which was their very first competition together! Juliette and Ben were 2nd in the 40cm class and 3rd in the 50cm. Both girls have now qualified for the Grass Roots Regional Championships.

If you are interested in finding out more, please get in touch and we can put you in touch with our Equestrian Team Manager.



STRETCHING MINDS, BODIES AND HORIZONS...



NAMED CLOTHING!

Please, please name your children's clothing - particularly jumpers, cardigans and PE hoodies! We are still seeing large amounts of clothing without any identification and it takes us a huge amount of time trying to get it back to the right person. Some items in our lost property look brand new!



PRE-LOVED UNIFORM

As previously advised, we currently have no space to store any more pre-loved school uniform donations and we will not be accepting any more for the foreseeable future.

Please come and have a browse to help our stocks to run low! Each item is only £2 and goes towards school funds to directly support your children.

KS2 CROSS COUNTRY COUNTY QUALIFIERS

On Thursday 6th November, 20 children from KS2 competed at the county qualifiers round of Cross Country at Hunter Hall School. The children competed and spectated with such positive and enthusiastic attitudes and reflected our school brilliantly. Well done to all.



Congratulations to the following children who finished in the top 16 of their races and have qualified for the Cumbrian Cross Country Championships: Ewan (4th), Orla (16th), Rory (4th) and Caleb (12th).

Further news regarding the next round for the top 16 finishers will follow from Sedbergh who are hosting the next round of qualifiers.

PE DAYS

Nursery & Reception - Thursday
Year 1 & 2 - Monday & Thursday
Year 3 & 4 - Monday & Thursday
Year 5 & 6 - Thursday & Friday

Children should continue to come to school in their PE kit on their respective days. **Children in Reception should bring their uniform to change back into on their PE days.**

FOREST SCHOOL

Thurs 6th Nov - Year 1 and 2
Thurs 13th Nov - Year 1 and 2
Thurs 20th Nov - Year 5 and 6
Thurs 27th Nov - Year 5 and 6
Thurs 4th Dec - **NO FOREST SCHOOL**
Thurs 11th Dec - Year 3 and 4
Thurs 18th Dec - Year 3 and 4



Children should bring appropriate outdoor clothes for the weather: A warm coat, waterproofs, hats, gloves and wellies or boots to change into before their session. Children should still come to school in their PE kit as they may also have their PE session before Forest School.

ONLINE SAFETY REMINDERS

This week we have been made aware of children being asked to share their account login and password details with each other for online platforms. Please could you remind your children that these details should not be shared with anyone, *including their own friends*. Our children are excellent at knowing how to stay safe online however it is important to ensure that this safety advice applies also to people that they know.

Contact us via email on admin@skelton.cumbria.sch.uk, telephone 017684 84367 or speak to one of us at the school gates each morning if you need anything at all.



More information will follow via email for KS2 children from FOSS about signing up for stalls. Children may run them on their own or in groups and I know many of the children have been busy preparing. It's a fantastic event for all of our school community to attend with a visit from Santa too! Please support where you can.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL BE NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB THIS EVENING. If you are a regular booker for a Friday night and this causes you a problem, please contact the office.

Donations of raffle prizes would be most welcome and can be left at the office any time from now up to the end of the school day on Friday 28th November.



CHRISTMAS DATES - DECEMBER

**Holme Head House - Nursery & Reception -
Tuesday 2nd**

Christmas Concerts (starring all children N-Y6):
Thursday 4th - 1.15pm and 6pm
Friday 5th - 9.30am
St Michael's Church, Skelton
**Please look out for the Microsoft Form to
request your tickets.**

The Wizard of OZ @ TBL - Y1-6 - Wednesday 10th

Christmas Dinner - Friday 12th

Christmas Party 1pm - Wednesday 17th

End of term - Friday 19th. Children may be collected
from 1.30pm

Christmas Clubs @ ASC

Christmas Card Making - Monday 8th

Christmas Movie Night - Wednesday 17th

Please book clubs in the usual way

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

NOVEMBER

4th Selected Y1&2 - Basic Moves Festival-Penrith Leisure Centre

6th Selected Y3-6 - Hunter Hall Cross Country 1pm - Hunter Hall School

6th Y1&2 - Forest School – 1.15pm.

10th Y1&2 and Y5&6 -Tullie House History Workshops-In school

11th Nursery & Reception -Transport Trip-Carlisle

13th Y1&2 - Forest School – 1.15pm-

14th ALL - Children in Need-Come to school in pyjamas or onesies. Remember your donation!

20th Y5&6 - Forest School – 1.15pm-

27th Y5&6 - Forest School – 1.15pm-

28TH - ALL CHILDREN FAMILIES AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS - **CHRISTMAS XTRAVAGANZA!**

5pm -7pm. Held in school. Hosted by FOSS and KS2 stallholders. Free entry!

DECEMBER

1st ALL - Christmas Post boxes open in classrooms! -Please write names clearly and include the year group if you can

1st Y3&4 - Virtual Assembly – Anglo Saxons-In school 1.15pm

2nd Nursery & Reception - Holme Head House trip-

3rd ALL - Dress Rehearsal 9am-

4th ALL - Christmas Concert - 1.15pm & 6pm - St Michael's Church, Skelton

5th ALL - Christmas Concert - 9.30am - St Michael's Church, Skelton

10th Y1-6 - Theatre Trip -TBL, Keswick

11th Y3&4 - Forest School – 1.15pm-

12th ALL - Christmas Dinner-

17th ALL - Christmas Party - 1pm - Children may wear party clothes. No high heels! Please bring trainers for the hall.

18th Y3&4 - Forest School – 1.15pm-

19th ALL - Last Day of Term -Children may be collected from 1.30pm

JANUARY

7TH ALL - Spring Term begins - Return to School.